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WKU GLASGOW GRADUAND CEREMONY

Thursday, May 4, 2017
6:30 p.m. Plaza Theatre
Glasgow, KY



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Order of Program

WKU Glasgow Graduand Ceremony

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Live

Processional Mr. Jeff Manning
Bagpipes

Presentation of Colors WKU Army ROTC

National Anthem/ WKU Redshirts
My Old Kentucky Home

Welcome Dr. Sally Ray
Regional Chancellor, ~~WKU Glasgow~~

Greetings from the May Class of 2017 Ashley N. Broady
and Kendra N. Cline
WKU May Class of 2017

Keynote Address Jay Todd Richey
WKU Student Regent and
Student Body President

Presentation of Awards Mr. Henry Royse
Glasgow, KY

Live
Graduand Recognition Dr. Richard Miller
Vice Provost for
Policies and Personnel

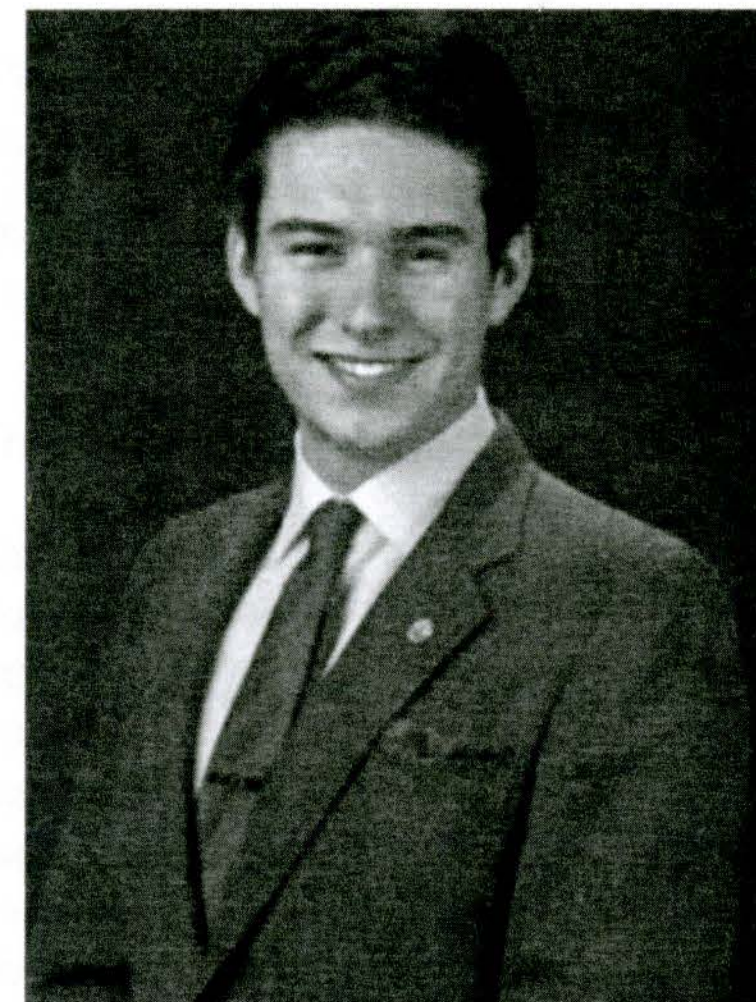
Greetings from the Ms. Ginny Hensley
Director of
Alumni Programming

Closing Remarks Dr. Dennis George
Associate Provost for
Regional Higher Education

WKU Alma Mater WKU Redshirts
College Heights

Jay Todd Richey

WKU Student Regent and Student Body President



Jay Todd Richey is the president of the Western Kentucky University Student Government Association and Student Regent on the WKU Board of Regents. Twenty-two years old, from Glasgow, Kentucky, and a 2013 graduate of Barren County High

School, he is a senior majoring in Political Science and Asian Religions and Cultures with a minor in Legal Studies. He is a student in the WKU Honors College, a member of the WKU Chinese Language Flagship Program, and the founder and chair of the WKU Student Coalition for Renters' Rights, an organization that advocates for adequate legal protection for renters in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In 2015, he was selected to serve as an intern in the Public Affairs Section at the United States Embassy in Beijing, China, and will be studying human rights movements in Europe this summer as a Humanity in Action fellow. He hopes to one day dedicate his life to public service and human rights advocacy.

Student Awards

WKU Glasgow Scholar Award

The Scholar Award is presented to a student who has demonstrated exceptional scholarship while at WKU Glasgow. In addition to possessing a 3.5 GPA or above, the student will have engaged in scholarly activity above and beyond that expected in the classroom.

The May 2017 recipients of the WKU Glasgow Scholar Award are Ashley N. Broady and Kendra N. Cline.

The WKU Glasgow Scholar Award will be presented by Mrs. Anne Patterson, Instructor of Elementary Education, and Mrs. Leigh Ann Wells, Instructor of Math.

The WKU Glasgow Scholar Award will be presented by Mrs. Anne Patterson, Instructor of Elementary Education.

WKU Glasgow Spirit Award

The Spirit Award recognizes a student whose vision and goals successfully mobilize his or her fellow students to action. An exceptional student leader maintains his or her academic achievement while leading efforts to promote the best interests and spirit of the WKU Glasgow and surrounding community.

The May 2017 recipient for the WKU Glasgow Spirit Award is Kaitlyn A. Wyatt.

The WKU Glasgow Spirit Award will be presented by Mrs. Anne Patterson, Instructor of Elementary Education.

Dr. Juanita C. Bayless Award

Dr. Bayless (1939-2010), former director of WKU Glasgow, was dedicated to the improvement of educational opportunities for students and the people of Barren and surrounding counties. In honor of her tireless efforts to improve the quality of life for students, the WKU Glasgow faculty and staff present the Dr. Juanita C. Bayless Award to recognize a student who has overcome obstacles and defied the odds to earn a degree.

The May 2017 recipient of the Dr. Juanita C. Bayless Award is Deborah K. Hall.

The Dr. Juanita C. Bayless Award will be presented by Mrs. Amanda Brooks, Instructor of Chemistry, and Mrs. Lindsey Reynolds, Instructor of Agriculture.

WKU Glasgow Graduands

May 2017

Associate of Arts

Agricultural Technology & Mgt.

Hayden P. Scroggy, Edmonton

Business

Rachel H. Borden, Glasgow
John P. Hoffman, Munfordville
Allison P. Jessee, Glasgow

Early Childhood Education

Michelle R. Smith, Glasgow

Office Systems Technologies

Hester M. Likens, Glasgow

Associate of Interdisciplinary Studies

Kyle T. Blankenship, Scottsville
Kristy L. Coffey, Edmonton
Briley D. Cropper, Tompkinsville
Cassidy S. Patriarca, Glasgow
Roderick M. Rowland, Greensburg
Sebastian L. Wood, Glasgow

Associate of Science

Agricultural Technology and Management

Hayden P. Scroggy, Edmonton

Health Information Management

Kimberly R. Dishon, Glasgow
Chelsea W. Hodges, Glasgow

Nursing

Kinsey D. Cook, Scottsville
Angela D. Copas, Glasgow
Jennifer J. Decker, Brownsville
Kimberly M. Devine, Glasgow
Amberly, D. Fishback, Glasgow
Ashley H. Meece, Bowling Green
Megan J. Richardson, Glasgow

Jessica L. Scott, Cave City
Natalie N. Simpson, Smiths Grove
Lindsay J. Stice Huff, Park City
Sarah A. Sturgeon, Horse Cave
Caroline L. Young, Eighty Eight

Bachelor of Arts

Corp. & Organ. Communication

Sarah M. Garrett, Smiths Grove

Psychology

Ladonna Lile, Glasgow

Sociology

Kaitlyn L. Head, Summer Shade
Nikkole B. Shelton, Glasgow
Jordan L. Smith, Center

Spanish

Caitlin L. Scott, Fountain Run

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

Kevin R. Brown, Glasgow
Rheanna D. Bryant, Glasgow
Laura E. Butler, Munfordville
Leah G. Deckard, Big Spring, TX
Alicia J. Edwards, Smiths Grove
Bryan L. Gerald, Tompkinsville
Ashley R. Graves, Tompkinsville
Regina C. Hayden, Glasgow
Taylor B. Hill, Scottsville
Amanda L. Poynter, Talisheek, LA
Toby J. Turner, Tompkinsville
Joseph K. Wilder, Bowling Green
Maci N. Wilson, Russell Springs

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Visual Arts

Elizabeth R. Hoffman, Glasgow
Michael C. Wheatley, Bowling Green

Bachelor of Science

Accounting

Michael S. Garmon, Summer Shade

Agriculture

Jessica L. Clay, Scottsville
Timothy H. Gillenwater, Tompkinsville
Deborah K. Hall, Gamaliel
Dalton H. Mohon, Glasgow
Jared W. Wilson, Glasgow

Biology

Dalton H. Mohon, Glasgow

Business Economics

Thanut Pradubsilpa, Bangkok, CN

Civil Engineering

Lacey M. Martin, Bowling Green

Computer Information Technology

Paul A. Bailey, Glasgow

Construction Management

Joshua T. Owen, Glasgow

Dental Hygiene

Bronda J. Anderson, Columbia
Amber D. Archey, Glasgow

Elementary Education

Logan L. Billhartz, Brownsville
Joshua S. Blankenship, Scottsville
Ashley N. Broady, Glasgow
Kendra N. Cline, Smiths Grove
Felicia M. Coffey, Jamestown
Cassie D. Harbison, Glasgow
Heather D. Hatcher, Cave City
Kaitlyn A. Wyatt, Glasgow
Paige A. Young, Burkesville

Exercise Science

Amber K. Jewell, Park City

Management

Brett R. Bates, Bowling Green
Cassandra A. Eldridge, Munfordville
Thanut Pradubsilpa, Bangkok, CN
Amanda M. Shives, Glasgow

Middle Grades Mathematics

Johnathon M. Jackson, Fountain Run
John T. Poynter, Glasgow

Organizational Leadership

Xelpha L. Pierce, Speedway, IN

Psychological Science

Mindy L. Blakeman, Tompkinsville
Joshua M. Harvey-Bailey, Cave City
Rilee P. Mathews, Bowling Green

Public Health

Sharon L. Brooks, Smiths Grove

Recreation Administration

Emily B. Scoggins, Park City

Special Education: LBD and Elem. Edu.

Brian L. Atnip, Bowling Green

Sport Management

David B. Huffman, Park City

Systems Management

William P. Butler, Rineyville
Janice L. Davis, Glasgow

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Tia S. Hawkins, Lafayette, TN
Megan K. Houchens, Lucas
Andrea P. Purchis, Glasgow
Megan J. Wood, Cave City

Bachelor of Social Work

Alisa S. Willis, Bowling Green

Master of Arts

Organizational Leadership

Natalie M. Raymer, Bowling Green

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Francis Scott Key, 1931

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME

Stephen Foster, 1852

The sun shines bright in My Old Kentucky Home,
'Tis summer, the people are gay;
The corn-top's ripe and the meadow's in the bloom
While the birds make music all the day.
The young folks roll on the little cabin floor,
All merry, all happy and bright;
By 'n' by hard times comes a knocking at the door,
Then My Old Kentucky Home, good night!

Weep no more my lady
Oh weep no more today;
We will sing one song
For My Old Kentucky Home
For My Old Kentucky Home, far away.

WKU Alma Mater

WKU's alma mater, "College Heights," was originally written by 16-year old schoolgirl Mary Frances Bradley as a poem to be entered in a contest on the campus in 1924.

Miss Bradley combined her poignant words with a beautiful melody composed by her father, Ben J. Bradley, an accomplished songwriter and musician from nearby Franklin, Kentucky.

On March 12, 1925, "College Heights" was first performed at chapel assembly in Van Meter Auditorium by Miss Bradley and our alma mater was born.

The music was subsequently published and then copyrighted by WKU in 1930. On the music is the notation that the song is dedicated to WKU's first president, Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry.

"College Heights"

College Heights, on hilltop fair,
With beauty all thine own,
Lovely jewel far more rare
Than graces any throne!
College Heights, we hail thee;
We shall never fail thee
Falter never, live forever,
Hail! Hail! Hail!
College Heights with living soul
And purpose strong and true,
Service ever is thy goal
Thy spirit ever new.
College Heights, we hail thee;
We shall never fail thee
Falter never, live forever,
Hail! Hail! Hail!
College Heights thy noble life,
Shall e'er our pattern be,
Teaching us through joy and strife
To love humanity.
College Heights we hail thee,
We shall never fail thee,
Falter never, live forever,
Hail! Hail! Hail!

History of Western Kentucky University

The roots of Western Kentucky University go back to 1875 with the founding of the privately owned Glasgow Normal School in Glasgow, Kentucky. On March 21, 1906, the Kentucky General Assembly approved legislation to establish two teacher-training institutions, or "normal schools," in the state. A locating commission chose Bowling Green to be the site of one, and the Western Kentucky State Normal School was created.

The new state-supported school took over the building and student body of the privately owned Southern Normal School. The owner of the Southern Normal School, Henry Hardin Cherry, had been actively involved in the campaign to establish teacher training schools and became the first president. Classes began on January 22, 1907.

On February 4, 1911, the school moved to its present site on "the Hill," approximately 125 feet above downtown Bowling Green and formerly the site of The Pleasant J. Potter College. Over the next decade, the curriculum focused on teacher training and certification. Students received practical experience at the Training School, and a model one-room Rural School was opened on campus in 1924. In 1922, the state renamed the institution Western Kentucky State Normal School and Teachers College and authorized it to grant four-year degrees. The first such degrees were awarded in 1924.

The campus expanded in 1927, when it merged with Ogden College, a private young men's school located on the east side of the Hill. The name was shortened to Western Kentucky State Teachers College in 1930, and the following year the Master of Arts degree was first offered. President Cherry died in 1937 and was succeeded by Dr. Paul Garrett.

As the College's mission broadened, its name was shortened in 1948 to Western Kentucky State College. Dr. Garrett died in 1955, and Kelly Thompson became the third president. In the early 1960's, Dr. John D. Minton became the first graduate dean.

Under Thompson, both the curriculum and the campus underwent major reorganization and expansion. In June 1963, the college merged with the Bowling Green College of Commerce, formerly the Bowling Green Business University. Along with the Graduate School, the Bowling Green College of Commerce became a separate college within the administrative structure. In 1965, the Board of Regents approved the formation of three more colleges: the Potter College of Liberal Arts, the College of Education, and the Ogden College of Science and Technology.

On June 16, 1966, Western Kentucky State College became Western Kentucky University.

The University's colleges are now:

- College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
- College of Health and Human Services
- Gordon Ford College of Business
- Ogden College of Science and Engineering
- Potter College of Arts & Letters
- University College

Since 1969, Dero G. Downing, John D. Minton, Donald W. Zacharias, Kern Alexander, and Thomas C. Meredith have served as WKU's presidents. Our current president, Gary A. Ransdell, was inaugurated on September 12, 1997.

WKU Glasgow officially opened on February 7, 1988, in the former Liberty Street Elementary School, where it operated until January 2002, when the Glasgow Regional Center on Hilltopper Way welcomed its first classes. The largest of WKU's three regional campuses, WKU Glasgow serves more than 2500 students and employs more than 100 full-time and part-time faculty and staff.

A century of growth has made WKU a respected center of learning where qualified students may receive general and specialized higher education at the undergraduate and graduate level.

History of Western Kentucky University, Glasgow

The story of Western Kentucky University and Glasgow reaches back to the 1800s when the long-held dream of an institution of higher education became a reality for Glasgow and Barren County.

The story began when 19-year old A.W. Mell arrived in Glasgow from Ohio and opened the Glasgow Normal School on February 9, 1875 using educational methods never before seen in southern Kentucky. Mell adopted a new mode of education when he began teaching men and women in the same classroom – a move that met resistance in traditional Victorian mindsets.

Professor Mell and his teaching partner, J. Tom Williams, sought to expand their institution, but when the generous residents of nearby Bowling Green pledged \$3,000 in financial support, the duo convinced their faculty and students to follow them to a Warren County hilltop where they opened the Southern Normal School and Business College. As years passed, Barren County faithfully encouraged her youth to continue their education in an effort to develop a better-educated population and expand their horizons.

One such student was Nettie B.C. Depp, a young school teacher from

the Eighty-Eight community who was convinced she could be a better teacher by learning progressive methods while earning a degree. Nettie became the first of thousands of Barren County students to complete the course of study and earn a degree in Education. Equipped for success and armed with experience, the young teacher sought to do more by becoming the first woman to seek public office in Barren County in 1913. She won the election and served admirably as the county's Superintendent of Public Instruction some seven years before the passage of the 19th amendment guaranteed women the right to vote.

Over the past 138 years, the Glasgow and Barren County community has produced some of WKU's most outstanding students. They have served the world through a variety of professions and contributions. The middle of the 20th century saw notables such as Russell Dougherty, the Commander of the Strategic Air Command, world-renowned bandleader Billy

Vaughn, NBC president Julian Goodman, Governor Louie B. Nunn. Countless others from Barren County emerge from WKU's hallowed halls to make lasting differences that continue to influence our lives.

Later in the 20th century, Glasgow and Barren County's forward-looking leaders recognized the immense value of having higher education opportunities within the local community. The journey took those visionaries through uncharted territories for more than two decades before their dream became a reality in 1988.

Over the past quarter-century, WKU Glasgow has evolved from a modest regional campus with limited course offerings to the vibrant center of learning we proudly offer to the region today. With more than 2,700 students enrolled in over 7,000 courses leading to degrees in more than 33 subjects, WKU Glasgow not only has accomplished great things, it stands at the threshold of an exciting future.

WKU Glasgow Tartan Stole

The Glasgow City Tartan stole, worn around the neck at commencement ceremonies in Bowling Green, signifies the graduates' affiliation with WKU's Glasgow Campus.

Most directly connected with Scotland, the origins of tartan can

be traced back to the British Isles. For centuries, the tartan has been used to set apart various Scottish clans and families. Indeed, the design is Glasgow tartan and is associated with the Scottish heritage of Glasgow, Kentucky.

WKU Alumni Association

Congratulations to the Class of 2017 and welcome to the WKU Alumni Family! The WKU Alumni Association encourages alumni to develop strong ties with each other and the University through an engaging mix of programs and activities. Currently, more than 100,000 WKU alumni live around the globe. Although they come from different areas and backgrounds, all share the deep bond of the WKU experience. Chartered in 1913, the Alumni Association exists to "enhance and strengthen the WKU Spirit." The continued vitality of the Alumni Association depends on the commitment of time, energy, and resources from alumni like you.

Membership Privileges

- WKU Alumni Association Decal
- 10% Discount on select Continuing Education Programs through DELO wku.edu/delo
- WKU Libraries Privileges
- 20% Discount on all regular priced WKU Apparel and Gift items at the WKU Store
- Discount Admission to Select Alumni Association Events
- Pride in providing support that makes all the programs and services of the Alumni Association

Affinity Partners

- Credit Card
- Life and Health Insurance
- Hotel Partners
- Class Rings
- Auto and Homeowners Insurance

Programs

- Alumni Chapter Network
- Homecoming
- Coming Home

- Golden Anniversary Club Reunion
- Special Reunions
- Student Alumni Association
- Summit Awards
- Society of African American
- Hall of Distinguished Alumni
- Parent's Association
- Alumni Leadership Scholars
- Graduation Fair
- Alumni College
- Topper Travelers
- Faculty Awards
- Growing Up Red Legacy Program

Volunteer opportunities

- Alumni Chapters
- Alumni Association Board of Directors
- Annual Fund Advisory Council
- WKU Wisdom Alumni Mentoring Program
- Targeting Our Prospective Students (TOPS)
- Parent's Advisory Council

Top 10 Ways to Help WKU

- 1. Keep us updated on your address, family and career.
- 2. Wear and display WKU merchandise.
- 3. Attend WKU events.
- 4. Make a gift to WKU.
- 5. Recruit a student for WKU.
- 6. Leave WKU as a beneficiary in your estate plan
- 7. Serve as a mentor to a current student.
- 8. Lobby legislators about higher education issues.
- 9. Read WKU SPIRIT magazine and get involved.

10. Become a member of the WKU Alumni Association.

Services

- Big Red Space Online Community
- WKU SPIRIT Magazine
- Newsletters
- Alumni Grant
- Scholarships
- WKU Welcome Wagon
- Career Services
- Alumni Record Updates
- Toll Free Number
- E-mail for Life
- twitter.com/wkualumni
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WKU Publications
WKU Department of Music
Highlanders
WKU Glasgow Faculty and Staff

Recognition of Academic Achievement

Summa Cum Laude

The honor given to students who have completed their baccalaureate studies with cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.80-4.00 and a minimum of 45 semester hours earned in residence.

Magna Cum Laude

The honor given to students who have completed their baccalaureate studies with cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.60-3.79 and a minimum of 45 semester hours earned in residence.

Cum Laude

The honor given to students who have completed their baccalaureate

studies with cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.40-3.59 and a minimum of 45 semester hours earned in residence.

With High Distinction

The honor given to students who have completed their associate degree with both cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.7-4.0.

With Distinction

The honor given to students who have completed their associate degrees with cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.40-3.69 and a minimum of 27 semester hours earned in residence.

Summa Cum Laude

Joshua S. Blankenship
Ashley N. Broady
Laura E. Butler
Kendra N. Cline
Sarah M. Garrett
Cassie D. Harbison
Elizabeth R. Hoffman
Paige A. Young

Magna Cum Laude

Sharon L. Brooks
Tia S. Hawkins
Kaitlyn A. Wyatt

Cum Laude

Bronda J. Anderson
Amber D. Archey
William P. Butler

Heather D. Hatcher

Megan K. Houchens

Lacey M. Martin

Xelpha L. Pierce

Caitlin L. Scott

Megan J. Wood

With Distinction

Ashley H. Meece

Roderick M. Rowland



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